

STATEWIDE COALITION OF PRESIDENTS OF RESIDENT COUNCILS

Hello my name is Brian Capshaw and I live at the nursing home Aurora Senior Living of East Hartford. I'm submitting/testifying on behalf of the Statewide Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils representing all 26,000 Connecticut nursing home residents, regarding H.B. 5300 An Act Concerning Nursing Home Notifications.

Senator Ayala, Representative Serra and distinguished members of the aging committee. As a nursing home resident I'm pleased to discuss H.B. 5300. We are a vulnerable population, and as nursing home residents we and are family members should be able to have the ability to hold the owners and staff of a nursing home liable in the event that they or a loved one have been abused or neglected. We would also like to see the legislation go further in that each nursing home must send a form to the coroner's office when a resident passes away, so the coroner can determine if abuse or neglect may have been the cause of death as is the law in Arkansas and Missouri.

Elm Hill Manor in Vernon was cited for abuse in 2013 and DPH issues a fine of \$1,230. The National Center on Elder Abuse states that in 2010 36% of nursing homes in the United States have been in violation of elder abuse laws. What is the response from owners and operators, "what occurred was an isolated incident".

If page one of the application of licensure for the acquisition of a nursing home states that not only anyone with 10% ownership, but administrators and directors of nursing may be subject to civil and criminal liability they take that extra step to help prevent elder abuse in nursing homes.